



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT:

Robert Frost, Chair
Jeanne Alspaugh, Vice Chair
James Duchene, Commissioner
John Faramelli, Commissioner
Ron King, Commissioner
Stan Koczka, Commissioner
Harry Schlegelmilch, Commissioner

STAFF:

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Joseph Collins, Planner
Jody Pierce, Landscape Contracts Coordinator
John Loleit, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS:

Morrie Chernis, Chairman, Friends of Pinnacle Peak Park

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Chair Frost, a moment of silence was observed.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Work Study Meeting November 4, 2009,
Regular Meeting November 4, 2009**

COMMISSIONER KOCZKA MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2009 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUCHENE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2009 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR ALSPAUGH, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

5. UPDATE ON THE FRIENDS OF PINNACLE PEAK PARK ACTIVITIES

Mr. Morrie Chernis gave a presentation outlining the mission of the FoPPP and the efforts put forth in supplementing Parks and Recreation's operations through volunteer initiatives and community partnerships. He confirmed the FoPPP's interest in renewing the operating agreement, which will expire November 30, 2010.

In response to a question by Commissioner Koczka, Mr. Barnard explained that the Friends of Pinnacle Peak Park, the neighborhood, and the City were extensively involved in the Capella Resort discussions. The developers provided concessions to the park in the form of additional parking and in circulation realignment.

Chairman Frost extended thanks to Mr. Chernis and the Friends of Pinnacle Peak Park for their efforts.

6. UPDATE ON PINNACLE PEAK PARK AND MOUNTAIN NAMING

Mr. Loleit explained that reasons for naming a mountain include helping when publishing maps and for safety when conducting rescues. He reviewed the naming process, which includes public notification and input. Once a name is selected it is given to the Arizona Board of Geographic and Historic Names for approval at their quarterly meeting. The next step is to the County and to the Native American tribes to collect additional information about the mountain, including potential locally used names. The majority of the process for the mountain in question has been completed and names have been narrowed down to using a plant or animal native to the area.

With the passing away of Doc Cavalier in September, an interest has been expressed by citizens to name the mountain after him. In order to name any geographic feature after a person, that person must have been dead for a minimum of five years. The question is

whether or not the naming should be put off for five years so that Doc Cavalier's name can be used.

Commissioner Duchene commented that the Native American communities should be consulted during the initial stages of naming. He felt that the naming of the mountain should not be put off for five years because of the safety and rescue consideration. Commissioner Faramelli agreed that waiting for five years was not appropriate because of safety concerns.

Chairman Frost commented that many people are important in the founding of Scottsdale. The City should be cautious in naming mountains after someone in an emotional response. He encouraged moving forward with the naming process as the committee and citizens have recommended.

Vice-Chair Alspaugh agreed that the mountain should not be named hastily because of an emotional response to Doc Cavalier's death. She felt that the mountain should be named after a historic figure rather than an animal or a plant, but that the naming should not be postponed.

Commissioner King agreed that the naming should be done as soon as possible.

Commissioner Duchene felt that consideration should be given to any name that might be used by the Native American community.

Chairman Frost suggested following up with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Council for information because they name the mountains based on stories about how people progressed through the mountains.

7. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE WORKING GROUP APPOINTMENT

Mr. Collins provided a brief presentation outlining the process of updating the General Plan, which is the overarching vision and policy document for Scottsdale and was last updated in 2001. He reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the appointees stressing the importance of consistent participation so that the City will be able to meet the State mandated deadline.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN FROST AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE WORKING GROUP.

8. GRAYHAWK OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Pierce described the amenities available at Grayhawk, including four multiuse ball fields, two basketball courts, two playgrounds, a concession stand, and a maintenance office. He listed the expected user groups, noting that final touchups are expected to be completed in time for the 2009 senior softball USA World Championships.

Mr. Pryor noted that the maintenance staff previously based out of the north corp yard has been relocated to the Grayhawk site. The features of the maintenance facility building allow for more efficient operation and better storage. With the discontinuation of the STOMP program, the tools have been reallocated. He ran through a list of equipment including Kubota, Toro Sandpro, and Toro utility carts, noting that a solar-powered electric vehicle will replace the Toro utility cart that was recently totaled. The solar-powered vehicles are more cost-effective to purchase and operate.

In response to a question by Commissioner Schlegelmilch, Mr. Pryor clarified that the Little League provides their own baseball mounds.

Vice-Chair Alspaugh complimented staff on the beautiful facility and their preparedness for the grand opening.

Commissioner Duchene complimented staff on the level of maintenance and the level of responsiveness the maintenance crew maintains. Citizens of Scottsdale have come to expect nice facilities and a high level of maintenance and that should continue.

Commissioner Duchene opined that efforts should be made to rotate the league play so that all local children have an opportunity to play on the state-of-the-art fields.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Mr. Barnard noted that key elements in the amendment that were not addressed in the 2004 plan were the infrastructure lifecycle and replacement, including items such as reinvestment in infrastructure, park buildings, park restrooms, ramadas, and facilities that are 25 to 30 years old. A main goal is to require additional new operating budget impact and staffing, and to alleviate maintenance and accessibility concerns by replacing existing facilities.

Due to changing economics and the high cost of construction, some projects identified in the 2004 Master Plan were not completed. The current list of proposed projects includes those that were not completed and would address lifecycle replacement. Impacts to timing of projects may include a variety of issues including Federal, State, and local requirements as well as current facility standards. Mr. Barnard identified projects listed as future projects.

Chairman Frost indicated that the executive summary and project listing was missing several pages. The Commission cannot make educated comments without complete information. He suggested that a work study be agendized so the Commission has an opportunity to thoroughly discuss the parks master plan.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Koczka noted that he visited the fall league, the Horizon afternoon program, Club SAR, the Granite Reef Senior Center, and the Mall, as well as the Parks and Recreation office. He participated in the Aquatics Task Force, which he thinks will

be a good resource for gaining insight into preventing problems that could be forthcoming. He thanked the managers for continuing to make themselves available to answer questions during the meetings.

Commissioner Duchene commented that the goal of the Aquatics Task Force is to help bring access to more citizens and potentially more incremental revenue or cost recovery to the City and to do it in a way where the user groups themselves are helping to make decisions and recommendations. He thanked staff for responding quickly to the youth sports on ball fields.

Vice-Chair Alspaugh mentioned the arts and crafts event to be held at the Granite Reef Senior Center on Saturday, November 21st. The program has to do with bringing the community together and proceeds go to the Empty Bowls event.

Chairman Frost reiterated his thanks for the efforts of the FoPPP, noting that there is community interest in expanding the park facilities. He attended the Veteran's Day celebration at the railroad park, which included recognition of Mrs. Zina Kuhn. He mentioned historical facts related to several of the cars.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ms. Cameron noted that the Parks and Recreation office will be relocating to the third floor of the One Civic Center Building by the end of December. She mentioned several community events, including the arts and crafts fair on November 21st, the Empty Bowls event to be held Thursday, December 2nd at Scottsdale Community College, Holiday Harmony with the Mayor's tree lighting, and Holiday Lights at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

It was the consensus of the Commission to cancel the December 16th meeting and to hold a work study prior to the regular meeting on December 2nd which will include further information regarding the plans of the aquatics task force. Staff hopes to be able to arrange to have the meeting at the McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatics Center.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the regular session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

Meets established criteria.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice M. Cameron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" being more prominent and the last name "Cameron" following in a similar style.

Janice M. Cameron
Parks and Recreation Director